



Protecting Outdoor Workers Exposed to Ticks

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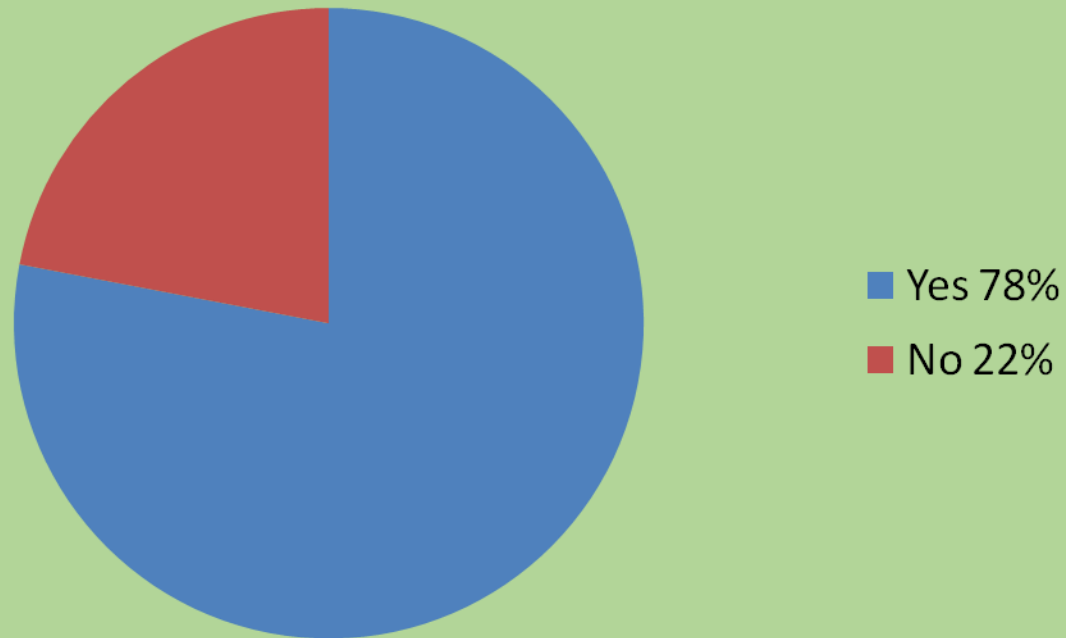




The Tick and Lyme disease survey was done between March and May 2010 as a Zoomerang survey with 102 companies participating . Most answering were companies in our OSHA PLANET-STARs program which are concerned about safety in the work place.

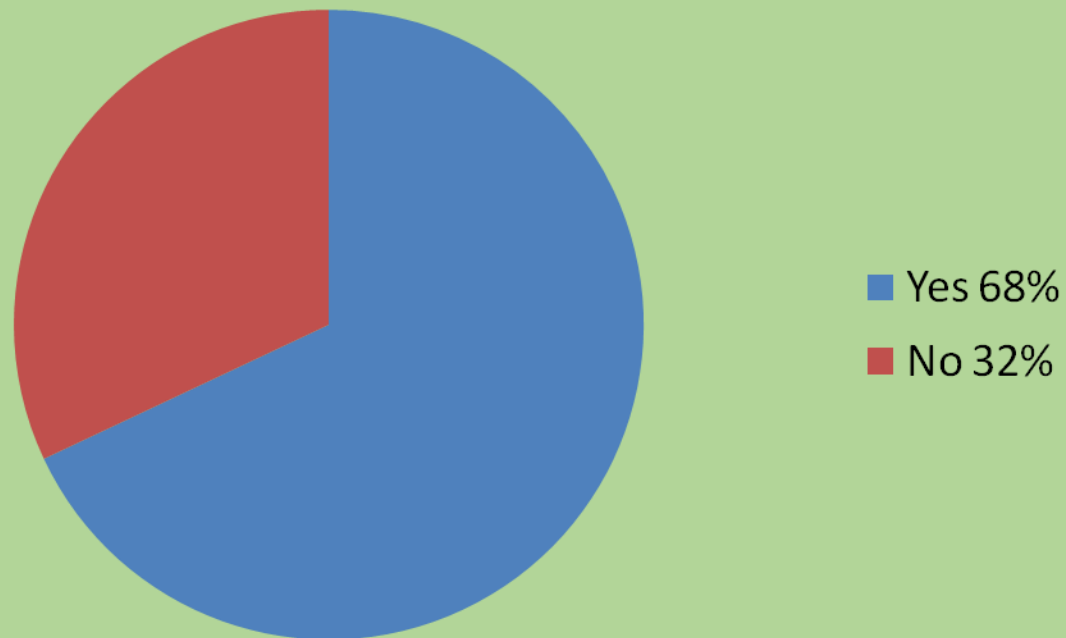


1. Do your workers come in contact with ticks while working in the landscape?



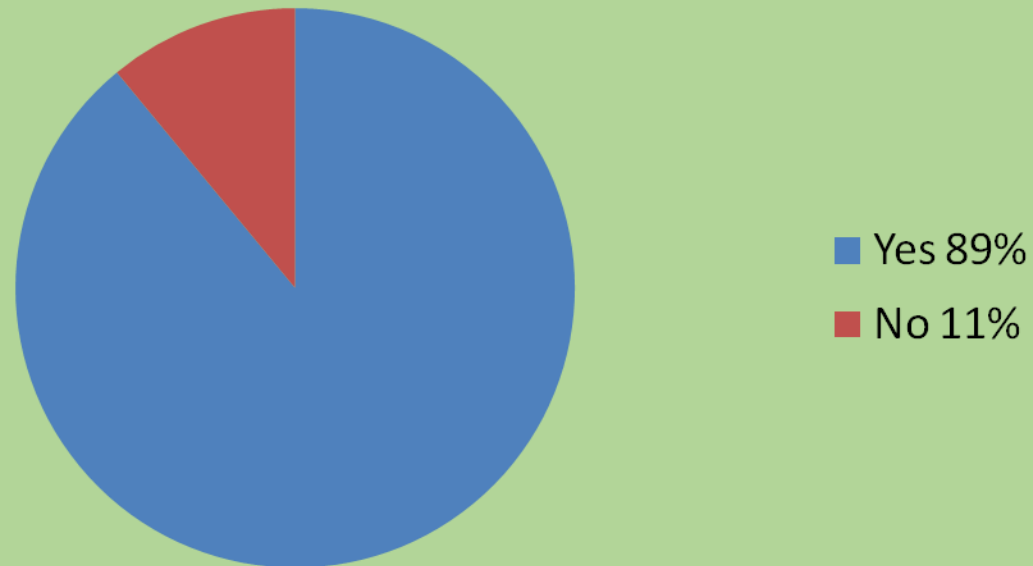


2. If yes, do they know about Lyme Disease?



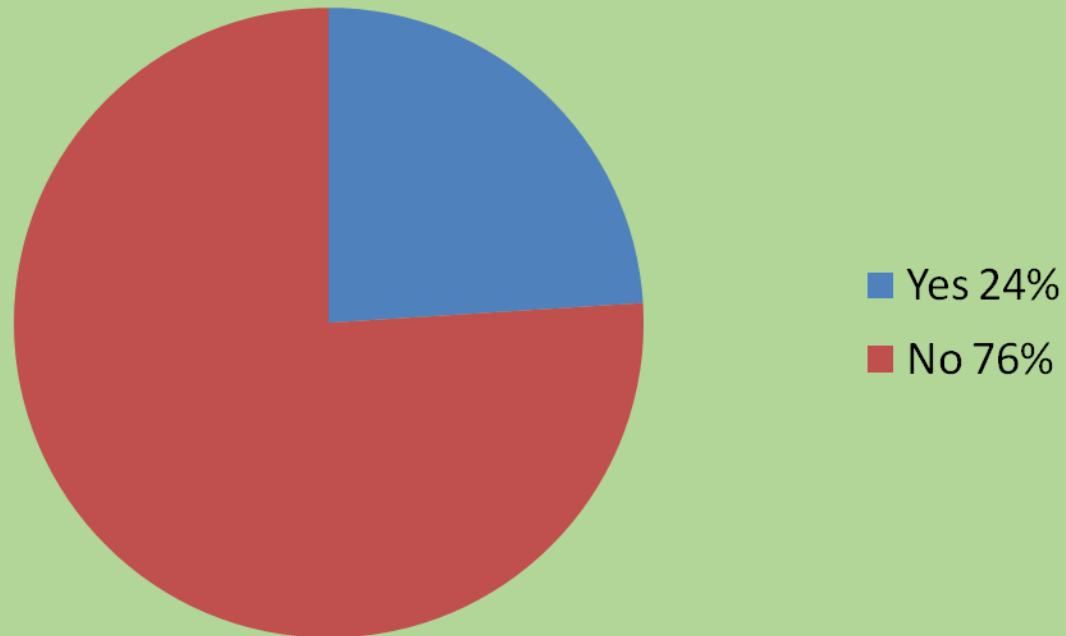


3. Would you like to have information to make your employees aware of the problem?



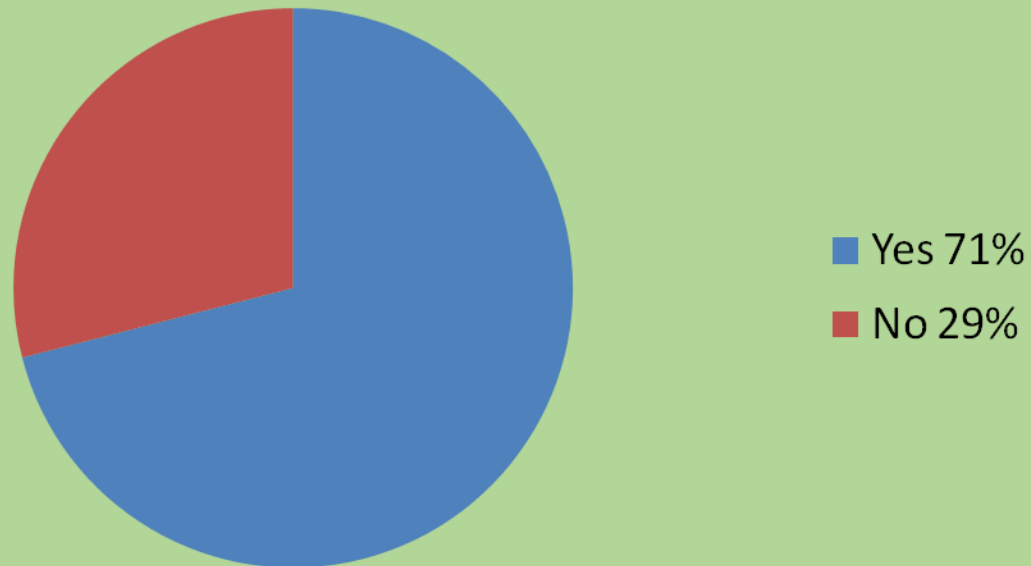


4. Does your company treat properties for ticks and fleas?



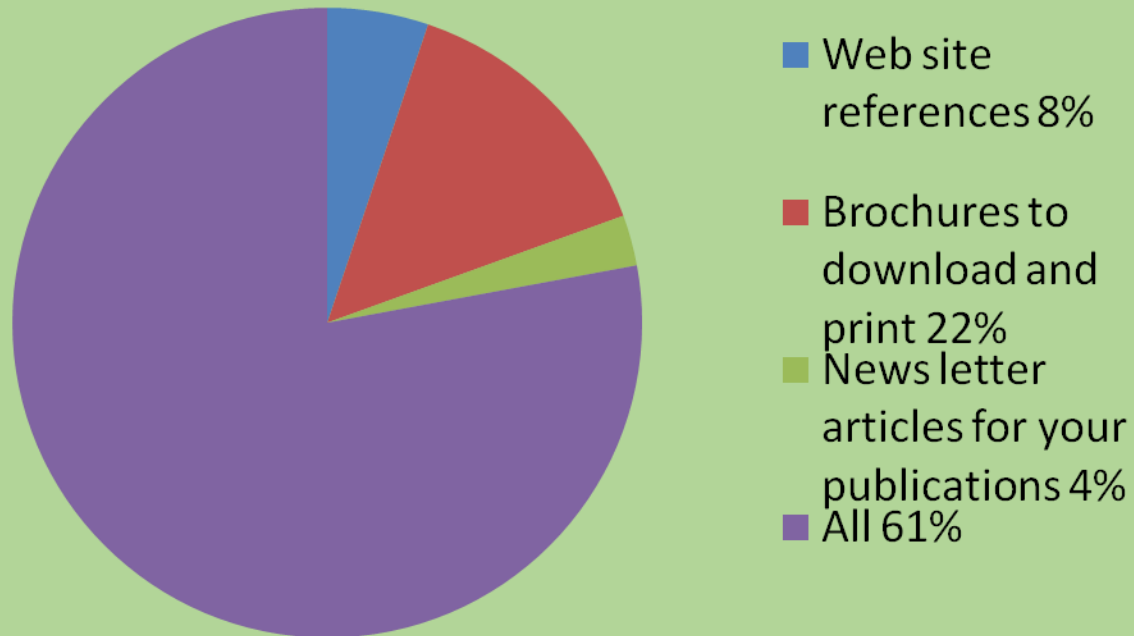


5. Would you like to have information to pass on to your customers about this disease?



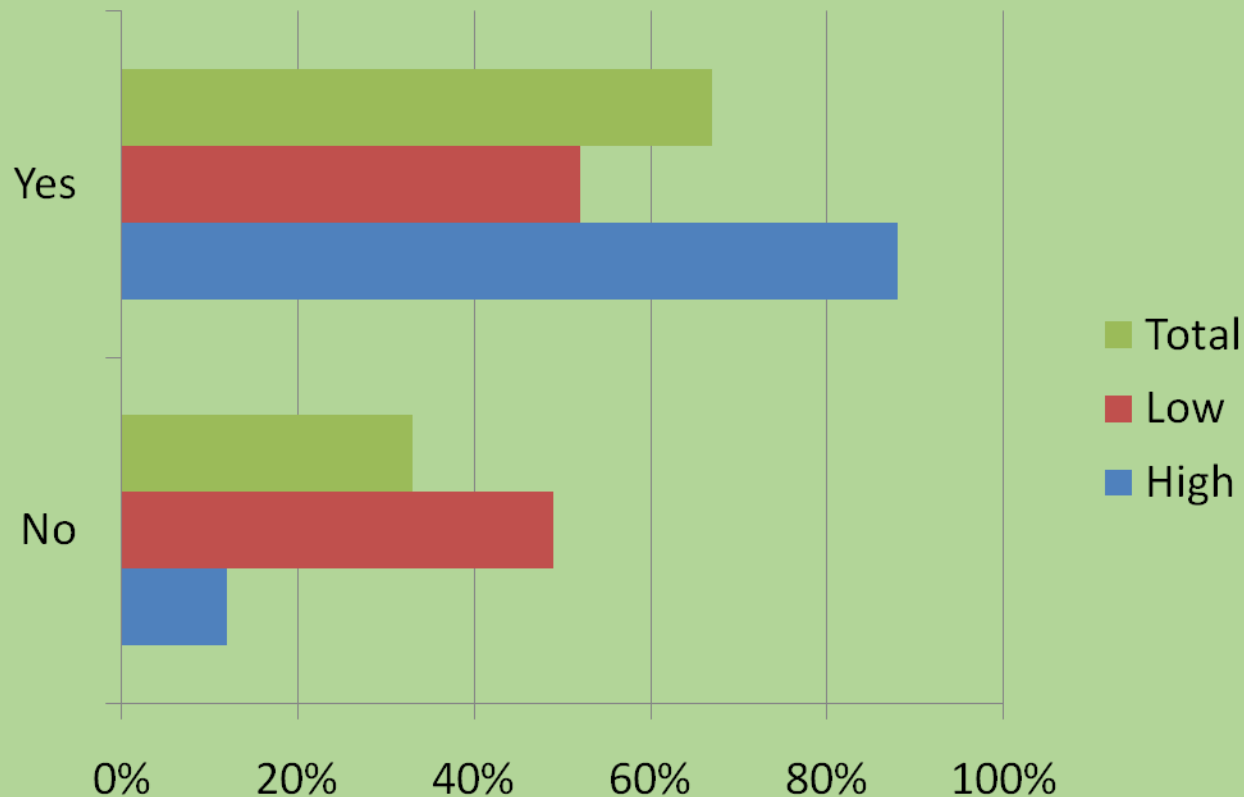


6. What kind of information do you want for employees and customers?





Do your workers come in contact ticks while working in the landscape? Based on company location and CDC incidences by state. High is defined as over 6.6 incidence in 2008 per 100,000 population





Summary

I think this definitely shows interest by our industry especially in the states with high incidences. The landscape industry which has workers in jeopardy of tick exposure are potential partners to expand the network for information sharing including their customers.



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Panel Questions

1. Based on your knowledge or experience of worker exposures to ticks, what can you share with the group on how workers can avoid their exposure?
2. What are the best mechanisms to get that information out to workers?